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<p>PERTINENT INFORMATION</p> <p><u>Present situation of Balli Kombatar</u></p> <p>The secession of the moderate elements of the Balli Kombatar, headed by <u>MEHMET ISSUM</u>, <u>Muamed ALIYEV</u>, and <u>Nahid BEGJIA</u>, has resulted in seriously weakening the leftist current, headed by <u>Abdullah KUJU</u>. The former three leaders, of whom two were among the founders of the movement, have distributed printed circulars among their fellow members, disowning the extremists and stigmatizing them for activities contrary to the national interest. They have also issued a call for new elections to the Directive Council of the Balli Kombatar and have proposed a coalition of all Albanian anti-Communist parties.</p> <p>In the above activities, the moderate leaders have made apparent their intention to work for a broadening of the membership of the Free Albania Committee (FAC). In this connection, the return of <u>Hasan KUSTI</u> from the United States is awaited with interest. <u>Hasan KUSTI</u> is known to consider him a leading, uncertain as to what attitude he should take towards the rival currents in the organization which he heads. It is believed that his own inclination is toward the moderates, but that British-U.S. support given to <u>Abdullah KUJU</u> will lead him finally to embrace the latter's cause.</p> <p><u>Hasan KUSTI</u>'s dilemma is far from being unique. Were it not for British-U.S. support of <u>Abdullah KUJU</u>, the PLISSURA group would by now have emerged supreme in Balli K. but the allied attitude has left the major part of the membership in a state of perplexity. It is well known that, whereas <u>MEHMET ISSUM</u> has ample financial means and is able to send 100 recruits for training in Libya and Germany, PLISSURA has not even enough money to carry out his self-assigned task of preparing his conservative and national character of his organization. As a result, a small group of Ballists have already defected to his flavor, and others are known to be vacillating, largely because of the arbitrary actions of the leftist leaders. It is believed that if <u>MEHMET ISSUM</u> were to gain any appreciable foreign support whatever, he would be able to open the way for a reorganization of Balli K. and an alliance with the others.</p>				
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